दर में उतार-चढ़ावों के कारण बचतें और परियोजना से जुड़े विशेष मामले इस स्थिति के प्रमुख कारणों में से हैं । उपयोग में विलम्ब से बचने के लिए किए गए उपायों में राज्यों को अग्रिम का अतिरिक्त केन्द्रीय सहायता के तंत्र के माध्यम से पूरक निधियों को सुदृढ़ बनाना, राज्यों को अतिरिक्त केन्द्रीय सहायता के रूप में सभी क्षेत्रों में प्राप्त सहायता के शत प्रतिशत को स्वीकृत करने का निर्णय लेना वसूली की प्रक्रियाओं को सरल बनाना परियोजनाओं का तीव्र गति से मानीटर करना और जहां कहीं आवश्यक हो परियोजनाओं को रद्द करना और उनकी पुनर्संरचना करना शामिल हैं ।

RISE IN PRICE INDEX

*280; SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) what is the peicentage rise in the wholesale price index at the end of November, 1993 as compared to the rise in the price index at the end of March, 1993 and what is the existing inflation rate as compared to the corresponding period: during the year 1992; and

(b) what are the main factors attributable for the contiguous rising trend in the price index and the inflation rate Uating the measures taken by Government to contain it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) The percentage rise in the wliclesa'e price index at the end of November, 1993 was 7.6 percent (provisional) over end of March, 1993. The annual itillktion rate for the week ended 27th November, 1993 was 8.5 percent over corresponding week of 1992.

(b) Sharp rise in the price of primary commodities between August and November is the main reason for the- rise in inflation. An important factor underlying the rate of inflation is the fiscal deficit which has widened in the current year.

An other factor contributing to the pressure on prices is the sharp increases in minmum support prices for rice, wheat and sugarcane. There has also been speculative increase in edible oils and rice in August due to prolonged dry spell besides the production .shortfall and consequeat unprecedented inciease in the price of onion and potatoes due to excessive rain. The truckers strike twice in the year also caused disniption in movement of essential goods and industrial raw materials, The Government remains concerned about the uptrend in prices and will take whatever corrective measures are necessary. Steps taken in the current year to moderate the price rise include increased allocations for the PDS, opea *market* sale of wheat by FCI to curb speculative increase in prices, higher releases of sugar for the open market, import of one lakh tonnes of edible oils and reducing stock limits for edible oil during the festival season.

TELEPHONES IN VILIAGE PANCHAYATS IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH

2477. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state ;

(a) hew many telephones, have been. prov ded in the village Panchayats of Arunachal Pradesh during the years 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) the number of village Panchayats yet to be provided with telephones; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to provide telephones to the remaining village Panchayats of the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) ; (a) 48 and 78 respectively.

(b) 765, as on 30-11-1993.

(c) The Government have planned to provide telhone facilny to the rema'ning Panchayat villages progressively by March 1995 subject to availability of resources.

TELEGRAPH OFFICE AT MECHUKA

2478. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that since 1984 Government have received many represen-tations from the Slate Government of Arunachal Pradesh regarding installation of Wireless Stations} Tellegraph office at Mechuka, West Siane District of Arunachal Pradesh: and

(b; if so, what steps are be'ng taken by Governmeni to install a telegraph office at Mechuka ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) :

(a) Yes Sir.

(,b) Provision of fhococom facility Has been proposed through Satellite during 1994-95.

INADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR PAY-MENT OF TELEPHONE BILLS IN FARIDABAD

2479. SHRI OHUFRAN AZAM : WC! the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of tele-phoBe connections in the Faridabad Telecom District;

(b) what are the present arrangements of making payment of telephone bills by ths subscribers 'n various sectorslcolonies and Whether they are inadequate and insufficient to cope with the present nmnber of subscribers who are made *to* wait for hours at the counter of GMT office manned by only skelton staff; and

(c) if so, what is the present arrangement to improves payment of telephone bills by the subscribers without much harassment and the steps being taken in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Total number of telephone connections are 47537.

(b) Payment of telephone bills is ac cepted at the following places :

1. Amar Nagar Post Office.
2. Sector 16-A Branch Port Office.
3. Escorts Nagar Post Offices.
4 Ballabbgarh Post Office.
5 Sector 7 Post Office.
b. Nehru Ground Head Post Office.
7. At three counters of GMT Office, Faridabad, Sector 16.

The arrangement is adequate to cope with present number of subscribers.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above

INADEQUATE POST AND TELEGRAPH FACILITIES IN FARIDABAD

2480 SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) wheher is is a fact that posts and telegraphs facilities are very inadequate in the entire region of district Farkbhad Haryana;

(b) if so, what are the facts thereof awl the reasons for not taldng any actipon *to* review the present arrangements in order te improve the situation;

(c) whether it is also a fact that only one Post Office located in Sector 7 with- out telex and telgraph facility which caters to 10 lakhs of residents living in the adjoining sectors 4 to 10 where even letter boxes have not been provided to drop mail by the residents; and

(*d) it* so, what urgent measures axe proposed to be taken to improve the situation and remove the haid-sbips of residents and by when ?